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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2007, applicants elect Species III, without traverse. The March 27, 2007 Office Action identified Fig. 7 as corresponding to Species III. Claims 1-4 and 7 read on Fig. 7. Therefore, prompt examination of claims 1-4 and 7 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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